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PATENT
BOX REISSUE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:)	
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U.S. Patent 6,414,927)	
)	Group Art Unit: 2653
Serial No.: 09/787,756)	
)	Examiner: P. Huber
Issued: July 2, 2002)	
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Inventor: Hidehiko Ota)	
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For: DISK LOADING APPARATUS

DECLARATION ON INVENTOR PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(a)

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

I declare:

1. That I, Hidehiko Ota reside at the addresses listed below, and declare that I am a citizen of Japan; that I am employed by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. of Osaka Japan; that Matsushita is the Assignee of the entire interest of the above-identified patent; that at the time the application for the above-identified Patent was filed I was engaged in the design of disk loading devices as described in United States Letters Patent No. 6,414,927 ("original patent"), that I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever known or used in the United States before my invention; and that I am the declarant, applicant and patentee, referred to hereinafter.

2. That I believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, by reason of my claiming less than I had a right to claim. U.S. Patent 6,414,927 does not contain

claims to the method of my invention to which I have a right to claim. This Reissue is a broadening reissue by adding method claims 8-12.

3. That I believe that all errors being corrected in this reissue up to the time of this declaration arose without deceptive intent.

4. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-232932, filed on August 19, 1999. A certified copy of this priority document was filed in the parent application that issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,414,927.

5. That I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified reissue application, including the amendments to claims 1 and 3 and the addition of newly added claims 8-12.

6. That I acknowledge the duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of the application for the above-identified reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

7. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention, which is claimed and for which a reissue patent is sought in the above-identified reissue application, and that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter of the invention as amended in the reissue application.

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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